THE LITTLE PILGRIM

"We will go up by the King's highway."

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Come, little bird, from that delicate shell,
Come out in the beautiful sunlight to dwell.

FIRST a seed so tiny,
Hidden from the sight,
Then two pretty leaflets
Struggling toward the light;
Soon a bud appearing
Turns into a flower,
Kissed by golden sunshine,
Washed by silver shower;
Growing sweeter, sweeter,
Every happy hour!
Kissed by golden sunshine,
Washed in silver shower.

— *The Presbyterian.*

A Three-year-old Missionary.

THIS little girl lived away off in India. Her mamma had often urged the *ayah* (native nurse) to learn to read, but she would shake her head and say, "No, I am too old to learn."

Annie's mamma had a little school on the veranda, and the little girl would sit by and listen while her mamma taught her dusky pupils their letters off a large chart.

Almost before any one knew it Annie had learned her letters, and would correct the little native children when they made mistakes in saying their alphabet.

Then the ayah said, "Why, if a little child not three can learn to read, surely I can. I will try." And she did try, and in time could read the Bible.

One day Annie was prattling in this wise to her ayah: "My little baby brother is in heaven, and when I go to heaven he will run to meet me and say, 'You are my dear sister Annie; I have been waiting and watching for you for so long.' And then he will take me right to Jesus, and Jesus will be so glad to see me and love me so, and then my little brother will say, 'Come, I will show you where all the pretty flowers grow,' and he will take me to a river on whose bank beautiful flowers are growing. I will have milk and honey to drink in heaven."

The ayah turned to the lady in great surprise, and asked, "Why, is heaven a place like that? Is what this little one is saying true? Do you suppose you will ever see your darling baby again? And if you do see him, will he know, will he love you?"

Do you not think that the little girl's mamma was glad to tell the ayah about the land where her darling had gone, where there is no more sin or sorrow, pain or sickness? Was she not glad that her little Annie had given her this chance to teach the woman about Him who is the glory and light of that land? — *Children's Work for Children.*

Lesson Story.

MARK 16: 1-13.

AFTER Jesus had died on the cross, a rich man, named Joseph, took the body and buried it in a new tomb in a garden. A great stone was placed before the door of the tomb, and soldiers stayed to guard it. The Sabbath passed sadly for the friends of Jesus. Early on the morning after it, there came hurrying to the tomb in the garden three women, bringing sweet spices. As they came they wondered how they could roll away the stone, but when they got to the tomb they found it had been rolled away. They found there an angel, and in the picture you see them talking with him. He tells them not to be troubled, for Jesus has risen from the dead. What glad news that was! And the angel told them to carry it to Jesus' disciples. So they hastened away to do as he had said.

Our second picture shows Mary looking at the risen Lord, and speaking to him, for she was the first one to see him after the resurrection. When she had seen him, she went to tell his sorrowing friends that he had risen.

Not long after this, two of the friends of Christ were going to the village of Emmaus. A stranger joined them and began to talk to them, as you see in the picture. Before he left them they knew that it was Jesus himself. When they told this the disciples would not believe it, but Jesus showed himself afterwards to them, until they all had seen and knew that he really rose from the dead. Forty days after he rose from the grave, Jesus went away from the earth never to be seen again. But he left this promise for all who love him: "I go to prepare a place for you; . . . I come again and will receive you unto myself." And so death is but the rising to a new and beautiful life with our Saviour.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. 15: 20.

Bible Lesson.

1. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
2. And very early in the morning, the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
3. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
4. And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.
5. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
6. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
7. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.
8. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man;* for they were afraid.
9. Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
10. *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
11. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
12. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.
13. And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them. — MARK 16: 1-13.

Lesson Questions.

1. Where was the body of Jesus buried? *In a new tomb in a garden.*
2. On what day did Jesus die? *Friday.*
3. What occurred on the third day? *He rose from the tomb.*
4. Who came that morning to the tomb? *Mary Magdalene and the other Mary.*
5. What did they bring? *Sweet spices.*
6. What did they say on the way? "*Who shall roll us away the stone from the door?*"
7. When they came to the tomb what did they see? *That the stone was rolled away.*
8. Who spoke to them? *An angel.*
9. What did he say? "*He is risen; he is not here.*"
10. What did he tell them to do? *To go and tell the disciples.*
11. Who first saw Jesus after he had risen? *Mary Magdalene.*
12. With whom did Jesus walk one day afterwards? *With two men.*
13. What did many do who heard about the resurrection of Jesus? *They would not believe it at first.*
14. What do you learn from the resurrection of Jesus? *That I too shall rise to new life when the Lord calls me.*

PROMISES FOR ME.

IN life, thy promises of aid
Forbid my heart to be afraid;
In death, peace gently veils the eyes, —
Christ rose, and I shall surely rise.

LESSON ECHOES.

One who loves the Lord may rise
from Sin to goodness,
Sorrow to joy,
Death to life.

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